

Nelson's Senate Bid Could Make Future Hazy for NU Budget

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

In a press conference Thursday, Gov. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., announced his bid for U.S. Senate, vying for the seat currently filled by the retiring Sen. J.J. Exon, who will not run again. While this is a great opportunity for Nelson, will this affect UNO and its appropriations for the next legislative session?

James Johnson, professor of political science, advisor of the College Republicans and local observer of the Nebraska political scene, explained the process for receiving appropriations that the Board of Regents follows.

The board creates and approves a budget.

It then sends that budget to the full Legislature in Lincoln that approves the document. After the Legislature sets the appropriations, it sends the approved document to the governor to sign. The governor has the option to use the line item veto and cut the appropriations signed by the Legislature or he may sign it as is.

Johnson said there are two possible scenarios that could affect the appropriations UNO will receive during the next legislative session.

The first is that Nelson, like other Nebraska Democratic governors, could want to be viewed as a budget hawk and try to make his mark by being fiscally conservative dur-

ing the election process. This could be viewed as good politics by the constituents if Nelson trimmed the budgeted amounts and thus spent less of the taxpayers' money.

Nelson might also take the perspective, Johnson said, of being viewed as a "friend of education, recommending to the Board of Regents to request more appropriated money in its budget, then requesting the Legislature to approve the higher budget to enhance education."

Johnson said the first scenario is the most likely of the two.

During the campaign process, as always, there will be a staff of advisers to aid Nelson

with legislation being sent to his office for approval or veto.

William Sweet, president of the UNO College Democrats said, "During his campaign I believe Governor Nelson will be a good watchdog over the Legislature and a friend to education. I also believe he will be able to run an effective campaign."

At this point there is no statute requiring Nelson to resign, unless he is elected. Then the lieutenant governor would become governor and then appoint a lieutenant governor.

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—Lydia Johnson

Employers Head into Wild Blue Yonder with Air National Guard

By Lydia Johnson

The Nebraska Air National Guard treated local employers to a bird's eye view of guard maneuvers, Saturday in Lincoln.

National Guard installations said they are aware that members occasionally have difficulty gaining their employers' support getting time off for required training exercises and fulfilling their duties. This time off is not lightly taken by the military, who depends on its Guardsman to be ready when situations arise—at times on a moment's notice. To be professionally ready, training time is a must.

Often, Guardsman have suffered the loss of promotions, vacation time and raises due to the time that they spend in National Guard training and involvement each year.

The Nebraska National Guard designed Saturday's Employer Day to show employers—first hand—what their Guardsman employees do when away from their civilian jobs.

Vicky Cerino, who works in Public Affairs both for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and for the Nebraska Air National Guard, coordinated the employer awareness effort. As a 20

year member of the Guard, Cerino seized the chance to gain the private sector support by inviting the employers of the 155th Air Refueling Group members to participate in an actual mid-air refueling maneuver. This endeavor showed the employers how their employees contribute to the security of the nation through their involvement.

To bring home the mission, three KC-135s cargo planes lifted into the air containing both fuel for fighter jets and the employers for a close-up of a typical maneuver of the 155th group.

Each KC-155 refueled two fighter jets numerous times to display the time saving necessity of fuel/cargo planes

during military missions. The 155th has been called upon as recently as the Bosnian conflict and a similar group was directly involved in the rescue of Captain Scott O'Grady who was shot down recently over Bosnia.

KC-155s are capable of carrying 30,000 gallons of fuel and pump 1000 pounds per minute into fighter jets. These planes can be sustained in the air for up to 27 hours

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—photo by Lydia Johnson

UNO Food Service Saved From Chopping Block

By Beth Warner

UNO's internally provided food services will be re-evaluated a year after the renovation is complete on the new Student Center.

Guy Conway, director of the Student Center, said food services has made money this year, even as construction continues on the Student Center. Eating areas on campus include the Maverick Room on the second floor of the Student Center and the food tents. Conway said that even as construction continues, food services is able to meet customers' needs.

Conway said once construction is finished on the Student Center, food services will have a food court similar to food courts found in malls. At least part of it will be open second semester.

Michael A. Milone, food services manager, said Conway's evaluation of food services was accurate. He said that during the last six years, four have made money so that "in the overall picture, food services has operated in the black."

Milone said there has been a recent push among many universities to privatize independent services. Universities have contracted out maintenance, carpentry, security and many other services, except for education.

Contracting out for food services has also been a part of the trend.

UNO food services has been self-operating since the university was founded in 1908. Whether UNO should contract out privately or remain internally owned is "an age-old

debate," said Milone.

A committee was formed to scrutinize the issue. The committee met while former Vice Chancellor of Educational and Student Services Richard Hoover was in office.

Conway, Milone's supervisor, asked Milone to write up a proposal, "like a bid" to the university. The proposal was 86 pages long and reviewed by lawyers. It outlined a plan in which UNO food services would provide food services into the future. The plan addressed needed financial concessions.

Milone said labor costs for UNO food services are high, but about 15 employees are ready to retire soon or have retired recently. Milone said a good proportion of positions vacated by retirees will probably be eliminated. These retirements will help to reduce labor costs. Food services should save about \$100,000 or more.

Milone said employees at food services have longevity. One woman who retired recently had worked there for 42 years. The majority of workers have been there for more than 10 years and some for 15 to 20 years, Milone said.

Milone said food services has been working with architects and food service consultants. The consultants are from Colorado and have worked with other universities including Kansas State.

In addition to dining areas such as the

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Trip to Salon is Hair-Raising Experience

An era was coming to an end as I joyfully entered the hairdo franchise at my local strip mall. It had lasted an excruciating three months, three weeks and 12 minutes. But it would soon be over, after my dramatic transformation and re-emergence as reinstated member of the coveted club of the coiffured.

Upon my first whiff of the overpowering essence of chemicals, disinfectants and impostor fragrances, I began to sway, a sort of hallucination overtaking my consciousness. There I was, luxuriating in the brilliance of the sun, reflected off my mass of burnished curls, cascading down the length of my body, as the sound of the waves ...

"Ma'am, I SAID, what d'ya wanna have done?" I was jolted from my reverie by the claret-haired manager, Becky, who, in addition to running the shop was responsible for "servicing clients." I was reminded (minus the hair net) of the head food server in my junior high cafeteria who, in addition to stocking the steam table was responsible for keeping the line moving. No time for dilly-dallying. Name your poison and move on.

"Uh, I believe you owe me a perm." Normally, I'd have rehashed the whole story, beginning with last Mother's Day, when I had innocently decided to treat myself to a new 'look,' a permanent wave that only took on parts of my hair. And how two days later I developed bald spots the size of nickels. And how ever since the incident I'd been living through the era in my life known as "The Eddie Munster." But as Becky impatiently began to tug at one of her seven earrings, I quickly replied, "Kim Balkovec — look up my card."

She looked at me as if I were trying to sell her snake oil. "We open at noon. Steve, could you come here? I gotta go in back." With a cursory glance, she turned away, leaving me alone with Steve and the restless mob in the reception area.

It was five minutes till. The salon officially opened at noon and took no appointments. It was strictly first come, first served. Steve grudgingly began taking requests from the other six clients in line. By seven after, when Becky returned, four more potential victims had arrived and the wait was half an hour.

"I called our day manager at home — she was familiar with your case. Oooh! I'm really sorry to hear about what happened to your hair. Come have a seat over here." Becky had metamorphosed from cafeteria lady to funeral home director, her tone consoling, sympathetic to my loss. "I'll be working on you myself," she added assuringly, as if to ease my pain.

**Kim
Balkovec**

As she swathed me in a royal blue vinyl poncho, I became acutely aware of every split end, gray hair and lackluster curl on my head as reflected on the wall, made entirely of mirror. The high noon sun

streaming through the shop front in combination with the fluorescent lighting directly overhead left nothing to the imagination. My hair was trashed.

"Oh, MAN! You can REALLY see right where your hair was burnt. That's gonna take FOREVER to grow out!" Becky was excitedly referring to the former bald spot dead center of the hairline over my forehead, now grown out about an inch, forming a perfect Eddie Munster point. I noticed just about everyone within ear shot turn to peek at me, and I wondered what had possessed me to return to this place.

"Yeah, my husband calls me Eddie Munster." I tried to sound apathetic, but the truth was I'd been burning with a vindictive desire to eradicate the obtrusive tuft. Becky began to laugh loudly, helping to put things in perspective. After all, in the scope of the universe, what did a few hundred inch-long hairs matter? I laughed too, not convincing myself a bit.

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Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the September 1 editorial "Make the Pilgrimage to Elmwoodstock." You wrote of the lack of school spirit at UNO. I'm a non-traditional transfer student so I'm not an expert on the amount of existing spirit. However, some leagues have been overlooked.

First, UNO being a commuter campus is not just a convenient excuse. It is a fact that makes fostering a sense of unity that much harder.

Also, I attended new student orientation. I learned that 27 is the average age of the student population. Like me, most of the older students not only attend classes but probably have families to support and care for. Therefore, extra-curricular activities and functions must be exceptionally appealing to motivate participation.

Orientation leaders and volunteers provided a vast amount of information in a short span of time. But only the Student Programming Organization made any real pitch to us. Several other activities and organizations were casually mentioned. And many new students may have been interested in participating. However, we were provided little information as to what is available and where to go.

We've completed our third week of school, and so far only sororities and fraternities have done any major advertising. With the average age of 27, 100 percent participation is unlikely.

Notices on bulletin boards are not the most effective form of advertisement. I don't see many students reading the boards. Information should be produced larger and posted over a broader proportion of the campus. This way students will have to see it. Also, word of mouth works wonders. If students feel they are too busy already, they will not go in search of extraneous information. Information must be brought to the students.

In closing, I was offended by the idea that UNO is not a "real" university. That is a direct insult to all faculty and staff members as well as the students. I know firsthand UNO has a national reputation and an international reputation (judging by the multicultural population) as being a very fine institute.

Buffie Elder
UNO Student

Editor's note: As a clarification, in my editorial I said, "But if we pull it off (Elmwoodstock) and the city will be watching, maybe some big important

people will finally get the idea that UNO is a "real" university." I did not imply that UNO was not a real university because I believe it is an excellent school. I meant that there are people, professional and otherwise, in this town who do not consider UNO a credible university, cited by the familiar UNO nicknames, "West Dodge High" and "University of No Opportunity." I believe UNO is and will have to work for some respect from these people.

Dear Editor,

After all this talk about Herbie Husker coming and going and coming again, the people in Omaha are forgetting about probably the best mascot in state. No, I'm not talking about Casey or Rodie, I'm talking about UNO's own Durango. Not only did Durango win the best mascot prize at a summer cheerleading camp in Lincoln (defeating three Herbie Huskers for the prize), but he is a class act with the children. Some parents go the Mavs' games just so their children can see Durango. So spend the minimal amount of money it costs to see a Maverick game and get to see the state's best mascot as a bonus as well.

Jason Axson
UNO Senior

Dear Editor,

While walking across campus the other day, I was disappointed to see that UNO had been victimized by vandals. Wielding chalk, certain campus organizations felt inspired to scribble promotional slogans on campus sidewalks.

Completely lacking in class or originality, these organizations have imposed a serious eyesore upon this campus. By utilizing graffiti as an attention-getting technique, generally held to be a criminal offense, these organizations have established themselves as bottom-feeders in the self-promotion pool.

I hope that other organizations seeking to promote themselves on campus show more respect, originality and responsibility in their campaign. As the university is currently dominated by construction projects, the UNO campus is unsightly enough. We don't need irresponsible vandals scribbling graffiti on our sidewalks.

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UNO senior

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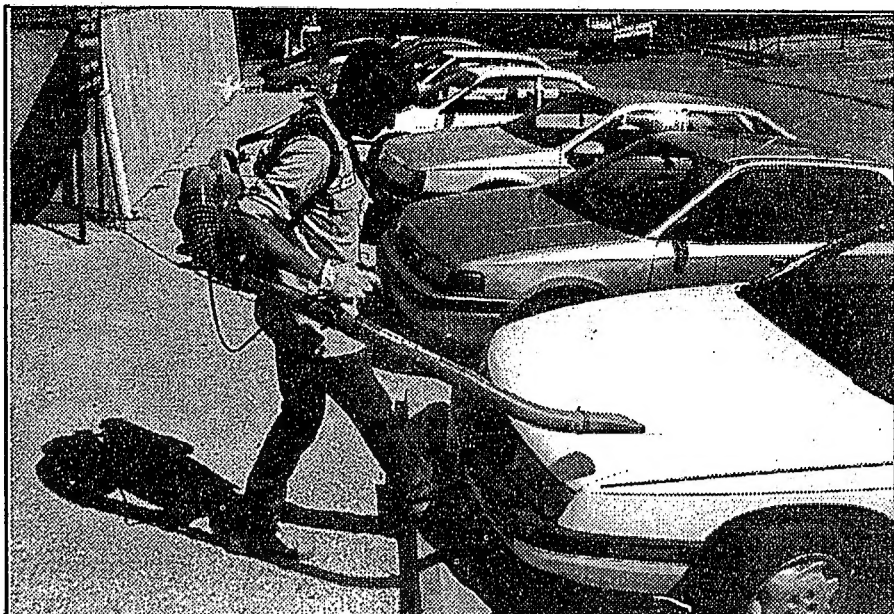
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—S.R. Kemper

UNO groundskeeper Scott Affleck blows dust off of cars near Allwine Hall last week. The dust settled on the cars after work was done repairing a broken water main.

Drug and Alcohol Education Receives \$40,000 Grant

Will give scholarship opportunity to undergrads

By Beth Warner

Students at UNO may be able to receive scholarships of \$300 or more by doing a project on drugs, alcohol or violence.

UNO received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. The \$40,000 grant will be used for a two-year program for drug and alcohol education, said Jeff Kuhr, coordinator for UNO's alcohol and drug education program. The grant is a consortium grant, meaning several groups will work together on the project.

UNO will work with Bellevue University and Creighton University. Kuhr said this is the fourth grant for alcohol and drug education UNO has received.

The grant will be distributed proportionately among the three universities according to the number of students. UNO will receive the largest proportion of the grant money because it has the most students.

Scholarships will go to students who develop projects related to alcohol, drug use and violence.

Kuhr said that students should be able to integrate the projects with subjects they are already studying. Kuhr said the subjects "touch every area on campus." A history student, for example, could study the history of drug and alcohol use. A criminal justice student could write a paper on policies and laws pertaining to drugs, alcohol or violence.

Kuhr said the project is unique because it gets the student personally involved. He said he could do "the same old stuff" by going into a classroom and lecturing on the effects of drug and alcohol use, but he said getting the student personally involved

would be more effective.

A student who has done a project will have information on responsible drinking and may think twice before acting irresponsibly, Kuhr said.

All scholarships are offered at the undergraduate level.

"There are so many opportunities for graduate students," Kuhr said, "we wanted to do something at the undergraduate level."

Kuhr said the scholarships will be available to five UNO students in the first year and 10 in the second year. At Creighton University two scholarships will be available the first year and eight scholarships will be available the second year. Bellevue University will have two scholarships offered the first year and five the second year.

Each campus will have its own committee to coordinate the projects, Kuhr said. The committee will meet as a group and review abstracts of projects done by students.

Each year, students who have completed a project will take it to a conference and share the project with other schools.

Kuhr said he hopes projects that help educate others will be presented on campus.

Each year, one student with the best project overall will receive \$700, in addition to the \$300 scholarship for doing a drug, alcohol or violence-related project. One student from each school will receive an additional \$500 for the best project from that school.

Kuhr said it was a difficult grant to write, but the project has been mapped out well and is very cutting edge.

He called the project "a great opportunity."

Research Program Encourages Minorities to Pursue Medicine

By Steve Martens

The University of Nebraska Medical Center's College of Nursing recently held a 10-week research enrichment program for 15 undergraduate students designed to encourage Nebraska women and minorities to pursue graduate education in the health professions.

"The program is constructed to aid undergraduates in getting a feel for research. It also allows them the chance to gain cohesive relationships with other students, obtain valuable computer skills, and develop a relationship with their mentor," said Mary McNamee, assistant College of Nursing dean.

Since its beginning, 83 students have participated in the program. Many of the students are still undergraduates completing their degrees, except for 15 others who have completed work on their bachelor's degrees and have entered graduate programs in medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant training, nursing, occupational therapy and biological sciences.

"We've had quite a few who have gone through the program and from there, went to graduate school. Out of 15 students; four went to medical school, two to pharmacy, one to occupational therapy, and others to nursing," McNamee said.

Throughout the program, students earned eight hours of credit while completing classes in medical terminology, technical writing and a seminar on contemporary minority health issues. Students learned to use a computer with the courses and even conducted research with the partnership of a mentor. They worked closely with 20 researchers, who involved them with the many intricacies of basic research.

"The research projects were extensive

and involved lab work, data input, evaluating results, and experimental methods," McNamee said.

The program is funded by a grant from the Department of Education, which awarded the Med Center College of Nursing a \$94,828 grant two years ago.

"I feel that it is an excellent program for both the students and the researchers, and I sincerely hope the funding is there for next year," McNamee said.

Alfonso Lopez-Vasquez, director of multicultural affairs, and McNamee are the principal investigators for the grant.

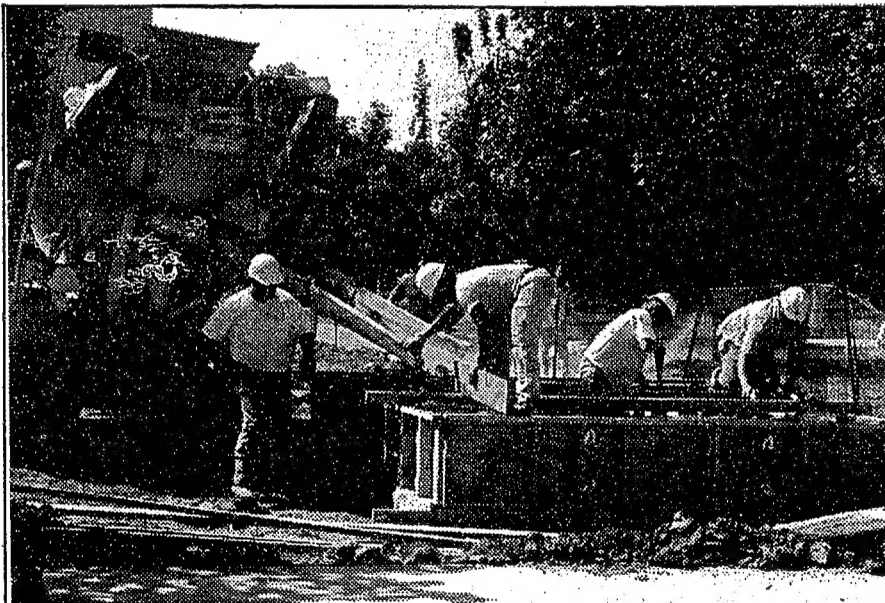
"In selecting participants, we have them fill out an application form, and get two letters of recommendation from prior teachers. Then we examine their transcripts, GPA and future plans to determine who should participate," McNamee said.

All have a perspective on the medical field, yet many of them haven't worked in a facility of such enormity as the Med Center.

"I'd say one of the major accomplishments of the program is that it gives those students the time to get associated with the Med Center. It is a very large place and it's easy to get intimidated at first. Those students who spent the time here came to view it as a comfortable environment," McNamee said.

Many of the students gained lasting friendships, as well as important professional relationships, from being involved with the program. It provided a stimulation for higher learning that all the participants will benefit from.

UNO students who participated in the program are: Kara Caruthers, Tina Flores, Michelle Hanson, Tam Hung Le, Thu Tam Le, Latoya Powell, and Damita Jo Ware-Sims.



—S.R. Kemper

Construction workers have begun pouring concrete for the renovation of the walkway between the Student Center and the Bell Tower.

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Gateway Editor Receives Leadership Award

Every month Student Organizations for Leadership and Development presents a leadership award to a UNO student.

Veronica Burgher, editor of the *Gateway*, is the recipient of the award for August.

"I am very honored to receive this award," Burgher said.

Burgher is also the president of the Society of Professional Journalists.

"I've gotten a lot of leadership awards in the past," Burgher said, "but I don't really think of myself as a leader. The things I do, I do because I love them."

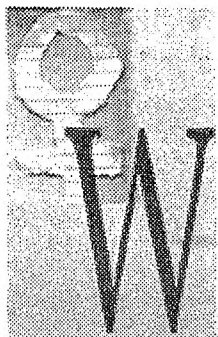
Burgher said the award isn't her's alone because if it wasn't for the staff at the *Gateway*, "the paper wouldn't be as good as it is."

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What do women want? Let me put a little image in your head. Imagine Aretha Franklin standing, hands on her hips, shouting into your face: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T." But keep reading, it's not that simple.

Women also want a man who loves her enough to show it and to love her unconditionally, no matter what team is playing whom on TV, no matter whose bachelor party is on the night of your anniversary, or what "the guys" think isn't "macho" or "cool."

Guys, remember: Your girlfriend or wife did not fall in love with the guy who is the center of attention and wisecracking life of the party. She fell in love with the guy who surprised her with a candlelight dinner, who brought her a rose and chicken noodle soup when she was sick, who never, ever forgot an anniversary, and who could spontaneously say "I love you," no matter where you were at or who was around.

Back to the "respect" aspect. Respect doesn't mean standing or even saluting every time she walks in the room. Respect means calling when you're going to be late, sometimes thinking of her feelings before your own, not drooling every time an attractive woman walks by, or even simple little things such as saying "thanks," opening the door for her, or hiding the *Playboy* magazines so she won't have to see them around.

The bottom line: Treat a woman how you would want to be treated yourself.

Men have this fear that once they begin respecting a woman, they are "whipped." Sorry guys, but the term is "respect."

Last issue, Adam said something to the effect of: "What a woman really needs is a

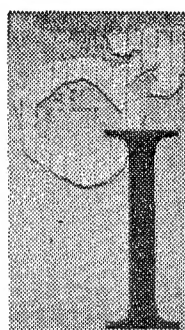
dog." Well, Adam, I hate to be the one to burst your bubble, but you are W-R-O-N-G!!

Women do not want a man who will be a mindless puppy, as you seem to have suggested. Instead, unfortunately, it seems as if it is the woman who ends up with a dog — but not in the same sense of the word you used earlier.

Guys think women go for the "tough exterior" with the Schwarzenegger bod. Not true. Any woman who has ever had to put up with this type of mirror-gazing, iron-pumping, baby-doll will tell you she'd much rather fall in love with a man who can watch a movie such as "Beaches" without once referring to it as a "chick movie," a guy who knows that a romantic dinner isn't a burger and fries from the drive-thru, and a guy who knows how to look deep into her eyes, hold her in his arms and say "I love you."

By now, some of you men out there are thinking, "This chick is nuts. She doesn't have a clue."

My reply: Really? Try it sometime. You will be amazed at the results.



If a man was to describe his perfect woman as "big tits and a great ass" and not much more, he would be not telling the full truth. Men today are looking for quite a bit more.

The woman needs to have a good physique, a well-shaped figure, but not necessarily Cindy Crawford dimensions. Men are looking for a woman who works out and keeps physically fit. He does not expect her to look like a younger version of Peg Bundy.

Now, past records have shown that most guys seem to go after the blue-eyed, blond-haired California beach girl with the IQ of the last beer she drank, but that is a far cry from the truth. Men are also looking for a woman who has street smarts as well as book smarts. The man wants someone who he can converse

with and who will have some knowledge about the topic he is talking about. It is an extreme pain to have to explain the deference between "The Germans Bombed Pearl Harbor" and "The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor."

When it comes to sports, most women seem to get rather bored extremely quickly. A woman should be able to enjoy a good game of hard-smashing football, wild-shooting basketball or whatever weird and wacky sport the man likes. She does not have to love the sport, just endure it.

The word "commitment" can and does scare most guys. It is a forbidden word in the masculine vocabulary and should be used sparingly. "Commitment" from a guy's point of view means he is faithful to his girl, most guys do not have a problem with that. "Commitment" from a woman's point of view, as the guy sees it, denotes one of confinement, he cannot talk, see or even look at other women without being accused of cheating.

A man wants a woman who can go out in public and be herself. Too many times, women try to hide themselves behind a 7-inch thick mask of makeup or only wear the current trends in clothing. My advice to women is this: Be yourself, do not try to be someone or something you are not. If you are so self-conscious with yourself to only follow the crowd, change ... Be an individual.

The most important quality that a woman can possess is the ability to stand by her man in the good times and the bad times. Things may get tough, but the classy women that men want are the ones who will be there to stay.

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UNO Student Uses Internship to Gain 'Life Insurance'

By Marylynne Ziembra

Many students don't have the opportunity to experience working in "the real world" until after graduation. But UNO accounting junior Tim Harrison has been doing it since his freshman year.

As an intern with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., Harrison has been meeting with clients, analyzing their situations, answering their financial questions, and recommending solutions ... all while still an undergraduate student in college.

"It's not your ordinary type of internship," Harrison said. "You're not getting coffee and doughnuts and answering phones like in other types of 'go for' internships."

Even though his experiences in business have been fairly recent, he has always had an interest in finance.

"Ever since I was a little kid I had an interest in business. In fact, I used to loan money to friends and charge an interest when

I was 8 to 16 years old," Harrison said. "My interest rates were pretty high, like 20 percent."

When originally applying for this internship, Harrison was warned that it is unusual for a freshman to get this internship, which has only been filled by interns who were juniors and seniors in the past. Northwestern Mutual General Agent Chuck Scanlon said that when looking at applicants, they look for those who have an interest in the sales experience and an interest to learn.

Harrison impressed Northwestern Mutual enough to give the UNO freshman a chance. Two years later, he was nationally recognized and received the rank of No. 7 intern in the United States.

"He's done an exceptional job," Scanlon said. "He's a very likable guy and people like him a lot."

Interns at Northwestern Mutual, once they

pass a test to receive a license by the state of Nebraska and complete a training course, act as an agent and are paid on commission.

"An intern could expect \$20 an hour or more for the time they spend on business," Scanlon said.

Recently Harrison was promoted to College Unit Leader and will be interviewing and talking to interested applicants. Harrison said he will be looking for "business majors or someone with communication capabilities and a feel for business and money; someone who is sharp with a wit in business and with skill."

Between work and school, Harrison has enough to keep him busy. He is also on the board of directors of the Millard Junior Chamber of Commerce and the treasurer for Toastmasters International.

Not only has this internship helped him professionally, but Harrison said it has helped

him personally as well.

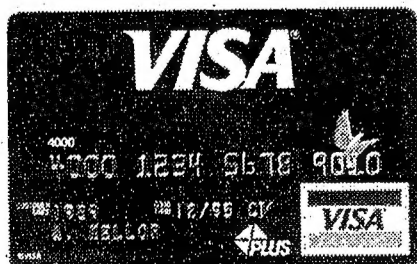
"On a personal basis it has definitely expanded my horizons, and I feel like I have truly entered what they call the 'real world.' It has helped me with time management and, as a result, I have excelled in school and with volunteer work because of this experience. I have become a better communicator."

After graduation, Harrison's experiences and opportunities will not end. He said he plans to continue with his employment at Northwestern Mutual after graduation in 1997.

"He will keep doing what he is doing," Scanlon said. "He has also shown an interest in management. If he does decide to pursue that, or no matter what he does, he has a bright future in this area of business."

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Planetarium Laser Light Shows Rock Audiences

By Jennifer Viola

Looking for some cheap entertainment this weekend? Tired of going to the dollar theater? UNO's own Mallory Kountze Planetarium offers affordable alternatives for those who are and those who are not interested in alternative music.

The planetarium presents laser light shows every Friday and Saturday evening along with Omaha's most popular music. Star shows are presented Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Admission prices for laser light shows are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Weekend matinee planetarium star show ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. In addition, tickets for "What's Up!" a lecture and observation, are \$3 for adults and \$2 for each child.

This month, LaserMajic-Rock features U2 on Fridays, and LaserMajic-Alternative features Alice In Chains on Saturdays. This month's planetarium star show, The Cowboy Astronomer, is both informative and humorous.

"We are in a constant state of upgrading," said production manager Chuck St. Lucas. "We keep improving the shows so when people come back, they don't see the same thing as the last time they were here."

St. Lucas programs the laser and star shows.

St. Lucas said preparing a show takes a good solid week of intense work or sometimes as long as a month.

The planetarium works with graphic artists and laser artists and contacts disc jockeys at Z-92 and K-Rock for current popular music.

St. Lucas also exchanges ideas with Jack Dunn of UNL's planetarium.

"We wouldn't be as far along as we are without their help," St. Lucas said.

The laser shows in the planetarium's 10-meter dome are held at 114 decibels. "Engineers specially designed the sound system for us," said St. Lucas. The planetarium has four lasers, and the physics department built its own projectors.

"This is a cool place to work," said

Monte Smith, who runs laser and star shows. "You learn a lot on the job."

There's a lot of talent at the UNO planetarium. A former employee and fine arts student, Mark Bourne, now of Oregon, wrote "Orion Rendezvous," the most successful planetarium show ever created.

Another former employee, Mike Cutrera, who studied engineering at UNO, is now working at Bishop Planetarium in Michigan.

The planetarium welcomes feedback and suggestions. Comments and messages can be left in the mailbox located in the physics department.

"If we get enough requests for certain music, we'll play it," St. Lucas said.

What kind of music can you expect to hear at the laser light shows? This month you can hear rock and alternative. The planetarium has featured country music in the past and will continue to do so if there's an interest in it. Mannheim Steamroller, featured during the Christmas holiday season, is also popular.

LaserMajic-Rock and star shows generally attract more families, while LaserMajic-Alternative usually attracts a younger crowd.

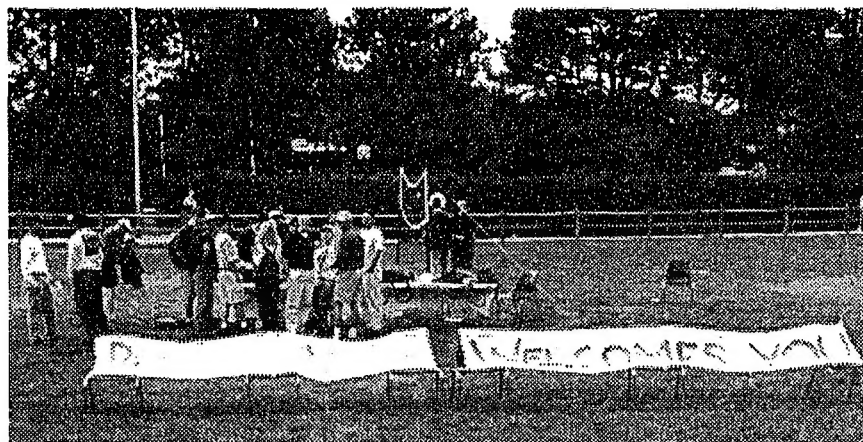
About 14,000 of the 22,000 to 24,000 people who came to see shows last year were students from area schools.

Astronomy and physics professor Robert Schmidt helped coordinate, design and set up the planetarium. Star shows began in 1987, and laser light shows began in 1990. Schmidt helped the staff get started so the planetarium could run itself.

All profits go back into the planetarium for employees' salaries, operating expenses and expansion.

"We envisioned the planetarium at least five years before. We hoped for but didn't anticipate that we would get it," Schmidt said.

"I had no idea it would get as big as it did," St. Lucas said.



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Colleges Test Incentives to Help Students Graduate in Four Years

By College Press Service

Not long ago, completing an undergraduate degree in four years was taken for granted. But now at many universities, students are lucky if they graduate in five years.

"How can you graduate in four years when the classes you need fill up three days before you even get to register?" asks Jon Burgess, who graduated from Western Illinois University after five years and one semester. "Even if you have the money, you can't take the classes you need. Whose fault is that?"

Due to shrinking budgets and increased enrollments, many universities—particularly large public institutions—face shortages of classroom space and staff.

That often means students can take five or six years to collect the requirements for a four-year degree—all while paying extra tuition and delaying entry into the job market. For universities, the crunch becomes even greater when incoming students overlap those who should have previously graduated.

"This is happening all over the country. We are dealing with more students coming in and less money available," said John Andrew Smith, staff director for the Florida Senate Ways and Means Committee. "We need to move students out to allow room for others."

Universities and state governments are responding by trying new strategies—including everything from streamlining graduation requirements to offering students incentives for graduating on time.

One such incentive is a money-back guarantee: graduate in four years or classes after that are free. Participants must take a full course load, work closely with advisors, declare a major early and maintain a C grade average. Then, if a student cannot get into any required classes, the school foots the bill for those courses.

This summer, the University of Iowa became the first Big 10 school to offer such a program, and 52 percent of incoming freshmen signed up. To make the plan work, UI increased freshmen advising and is implementing outreach programs to high schools to better prepare students for the university experience.

Other colleges testing the guarantee are Missouri's Westminster College, Indiana's DePauw University and California State University-Dominguez Hills.

When students complete degrees on time, it not only saves them money but reduces costs to taxpayers, say legislators. Graduation delays create additional financial burden on states, which already subsidize an average of \$6,000 for each in-state student per year.

"We are very concerned over the length of time it is taking students to graduate," said Smith. "Only 18 percent of all Florida students finish in four years; 42 percent graduate in five years; and it approaches the 10-year mark before it

reaches 50 percent."

Graduation rates in Arizona, Colorado, Texas and other states are similarly bleak.

Smith said one way to trim graduation time is to streamline university requirements. According to Smith, Florida students average 23 extra non-degree hours. "If we eliminate those extra 23 hours, you are talking about allowing space for 17,000 additional students."

Last spring, Florida passed Senate Bill 2330, which focuses on cutting surplus hours in two areas. The bill requires universities to standardize entrance requirements for students transferring from community colleges.

"Often students need additional courses to get into university programs," explained Smith. "For example, a student with an A.A. degree might suddenly find they need another nine hours of courses before they can be accepted into a business program at the university."

Secondly, the state said degree requirements should not exceed 120 hours. Smith said certain departments had increased requirements up to 140 hours. In 1994, the average major at the University of Florida required 128 hours.

Some states, however, want to penalize students who take more classes than they need. In Arizona, legislators recently proposed making in-state students pay out-of-state tuition for course hours exceeding those needed to graduate. Currently, the annual tuition rates are \$5,000 higher for out-of-state students. Bill supporters hoped this would discourage so-called "career students"—those perpetually in school. The bill was defeated for the second time during this past session, but the message from legislators is clear, and Arizona educators appear to be listening.

Like Florida, Arizona's Board of Regents recently approved proposal limiting degree requirements to 120 "units," down from a range of 125 to 166. The University of Arizona begins offering its "Finish in Four!" program this fall, designed to help students graduate in four years by having them follow a tight advising schedule and by commit to a major early.

Colorado legislators also proposed a similar penalty tactic last spring through the Higher Education Reform Bill. Had the bill passed, in-state students would have to graduate in 4 1/2 years or pay 100 percent of tuition costs thereafter. This plan also included tuition waiver guarantee for closed courses.

While graduation delays often are caused by changed majors or dropped classes, students say legislators also must other circumstances are to blame, too. For example, cuts in financial aid have forced more students to work while going to school, causing them to take fewer hours per semester.

"There are lot of factors involved in getting out in four years, like work, money and getting all your classes," says Burgess.

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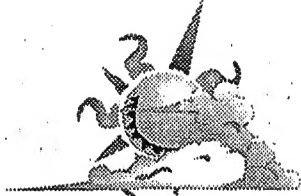
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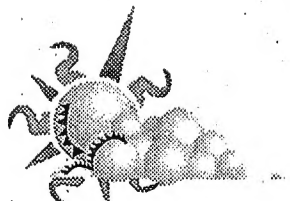
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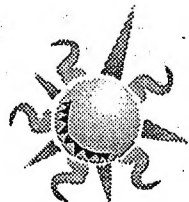
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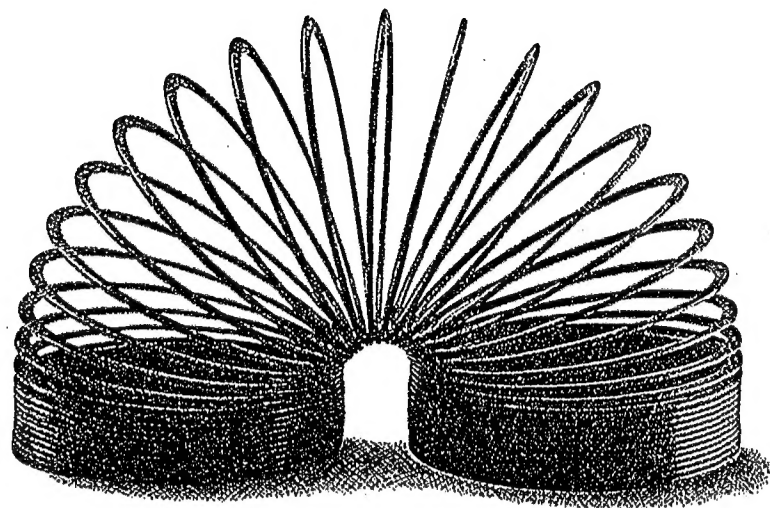
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Sports

Mavs Rally to Rope Lopers, 19-14

By Dave Mollner

For second year Head Coach Pat Behrns, UNO's first win of the 1995 football campaign couldn't have come any sooner.

After posting a 19-14 fourth quarter gut-check with the University of Nebraska at Kearney Lopers Saturday, the Mavs can now carry a 1-1 record into its conference opener Saturday at Mankato State.

Since losing a 37-30 thriller at home last week to Wayne State College, the Mavs rebounded on the road Saturday at Foster Field on the UNK campus before a crowd of 4,108.

Mavs senior running back Maurad Cave stepped up his performance Saturday, gaining 81 yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns for an absent rushing attack of Jermaine Hill. Hill, who carried the ball 18 times for a total of 22 yards, was a bigger

factor on the Mavs' special teams play Saturday.

After the Mavs pulled out to a 13-7 halftime lead, neither offense could sustain a drive in the second half and both teams went scoreless in the third quarter. A total of 26 punts cluttered possible scoring drives for both teams, including 85 yards in Maverick penalties.

But as the initial seconds ticked off the fourth quarter, the Lopers unleashed a 37-yard pass from backup quarterback Joel Staehr to Ryan Cabe, putting the Lopers ahead 14-13 with 13:31 left in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Hill scampered 79 yards to the UNK 18-yard line setting up the go ahead touchdown by Cave on a 10-yard run around off the right side.

With the Mavs up 19-14 late in the game, freshman Ben Titus, who's been converted

from quarterback to defensive back, picked off UNK's Chad Rutar shutting down a Loper drive with 1:47 left in the game.

The win was UNO's first of the year, which already matches their win total from last year's 1-10 season, setting up Saturday's road game with the Mavericks of Mankato State at 6 p.m.

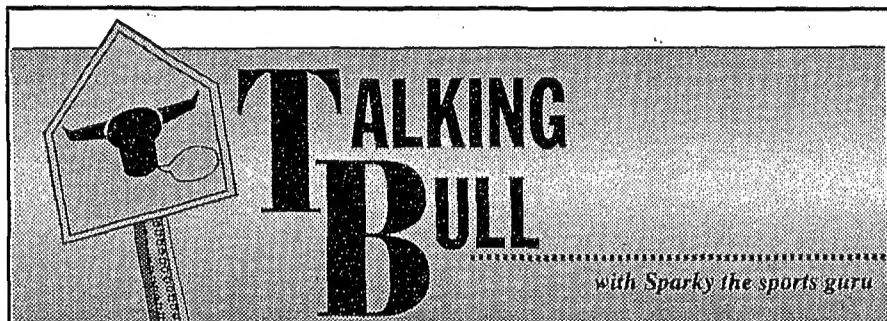
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Sophomore fullback Scott Sobota ran for 23 yards on 7 carries and caught to Kloewer passes for seven yards. Sobota injured an elbow during the game and according to an *Omaha World-Herald* report, had ligament damage and a possible fracture as well.

Mavs defensive back Pat Davis, a 5-

foot-10-inch 185 pound junior who transferred to UNO from Butler County CC in El Dorado, Kan., intercepted his third pass in two games Saturday against UNK.

Punter Nate Parks, a freshman from Millard South, booted 14 punts in Saturday's game for a 38.8 yard average.



Ahh! It's a bright, crisp Sunday morning in early September and football has kicked into high gear. You stroll to your apartment door to grab the paper to catch all the scores from yesterdays college football bonanza. You know the feeling Maverick sports fans, you're looking for the big story: UNO 19 Kearney 14 and there's an article about the size of a Popsicle stick tucked away on the bottom page.

The entire page is splattered with Husker this, Husker that and even the front page has Husker sports tainting the newstand's window.

Shouldn't the masthead read the *Omaha World-Husker* instead?

The Huskers do anything as even sneezing or little Matt "Rudy" Turman cuts himself shaving and there's front page sports news on any given weekday.

But when the Mavs football program, one that's being resurrected from the cellar of the North Central Conference by second-year Head Coach Pat Behrns, wins its first game of the season there's not even a mugshot of the team mascot. On the other hand-off, Herbie Husker gets his walking papers and the readers of this Saturday soap opera have a near nervous breakdown and air-lift the cry mail to the presses.

This doesn't start and stop solely with the print media, but with local radio and television coverage pasted with Husker sports, the Mavs take another back seat. This media famine doesn't just affect football, but the entire UNO athletic

program. The Mavs have produced national powers in wrestling, softball and volleyball year after year and are still looked upon like a big zit on prom night by the media: Nobody wants to have or see one.

After Saturday's Husker-Michigan State, Nebraska I-back and Heisman trophy-hopeful Lawrence Phillips popped a big zit by getting arrested on a charge of assault and battery for allegedly beating his girlfriend at a Husker football party in Lincoln. Phillips has reportedly been kicked off the team, but us Maverick faithfuls will probably have to follow this worthless story and others, like that of Riley Washington's standing trial on attempted murder charges, for the entire season by listening to and reading about what could of been in 1995, instead of what should of been.

Equal Maverick sports coverage by our local media and not the Huskers' criminal court hearings.

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Lady Mavs Cross Country Team Touches Victory

By Dave Mollner

The Lady Mavs Cross Country team ran to a first and third place finish Saturday at the first annual AT&T Invitational, co-hosted by UNO and Creighton University.

UNO sophomore Elise Henry crossed the finish line first with a time of 18:44.95 in the women's 5,000 meter race, edging Jen Owen of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), who trailed only three seconds behind Henry at the finish.

Lady Mavs freshman Tara Billoft ran to a third place finish crossing the finish line at 19:09.7, but this still wasn't enough for the Lady Mavs to finish higher than fourth in the team standings. At the one-mile mark in the race, Henry and Billoft were cruising in first and second at the front of the pack. They stayed together for the first two miles of the race, but by the 2.1 mile mark Billoft dropped back into third place.

The next best finish for UNO was sophomore Jami Brown, who ran back in 30th place. Of the five teams competing Saturday, Midlands Lutheran College grabbed first place, UMKC placed sec-

ond, Creighton third, UNO ran in fourth and Dana College brought up the rear in fifth.

"I knew Elise and Tara would be bucking for first and second place," UNO Head Coach Tim Hendricks said. "But if we're to compete in the team standings, our number three, four and five runners have to run better than they did on Saturday."

Other UNO finishes included Michelle Patterson in 33rd place, Shannon Williams in 34th place and Katie McDonnell ran back in 39th place.

Hendricks said the crowd that turned out to watch the first annual AT&T Invitational was decent sized, especially since this was UNO's first home meet in more than two years. He said AT&T has shown interest in promoting next years race and making it bigger by adding other teams.

On Saturday, UNO will compete in one of the nations largest meets at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln/Northwest Missouri Invitational in Lincoln. The meet begins at 10 a.m.



—S.R. Kemper

Mavs Cross Country team members, Elise Henry, left, and Tara Billoft, right, placed first and third at the AT&T Invitational meet.

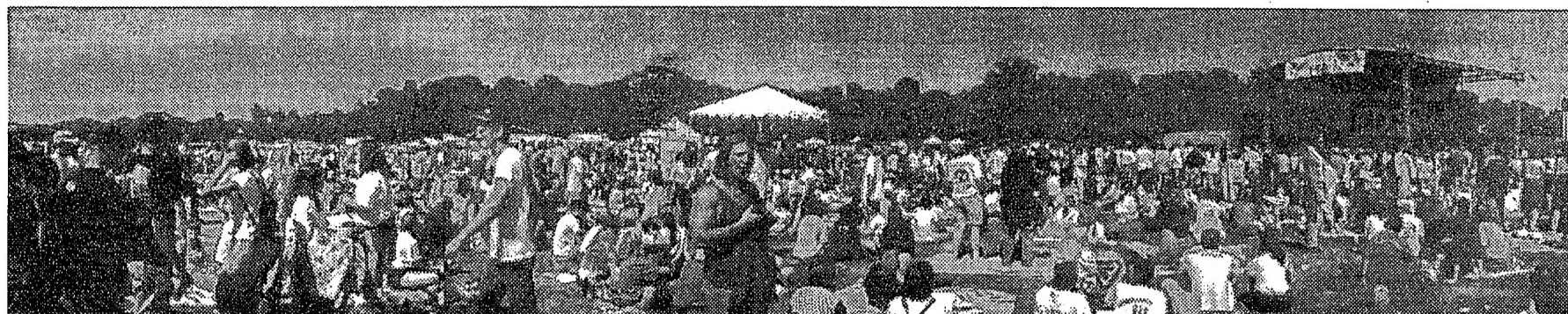
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—photos by Ed Stasny

"Edgefest" Rocks Omaha

Review By Jonathan Murnane

Omaha hosted its own little Woodstock on Saturday with Edgefest, a day of music and fun hosted by alternative station KGDE, the Edge.

More than 20,000 people attended the music festival at Ak-Sar-Ben, which featured 10 bands, including the Violent Femmes, God Lives Underwater, Omaha natives 311, and local bands Secret Skin and Shovelhead, among others.

Edge disc jockey John Stewart said the event was the second biggest event in Omaha history, second only to a Police show in 1983.

The gates opened at noon, and bodies began to flood the place.

At press time, about 19,000 people were estimated to have attended.

"It really paid off," Stewart said. "I want to thank everybody that came."

The lesser-known bands played throughout the day to the moshing crowd, but the excitement peaked as the Violent Femmes came on. 311 closed the show.

"I think the whole thing is indicative of the fact that the people in Omaha like good, live music," Stewart said.

"When we started we were hoping for 8,000 maybe 10,000 people, and we more than doubled our expectations."

The crowd seemed to enjoy it. Bodies were tossed in the air and passed along. The guitars were screaming as people slammed into one another.

The age range was all over the place. Babies, pre-teens, teen-agers, college students, Generation X, baby boomers and the like were present.

UNO sophomore Sam Schirber said, "It was like one big party. We spent the whole day going from one end to the other, just hangin' out with everybody."

"I got to watch the body piercing," said senior Nikki Long. "That was cool."

Not everyone enjoyed the show, though.

Stewart said about 15 people were taken to the hospital, although the injuries varied from bee stings and asthma attacks, to broken noses and concussions.

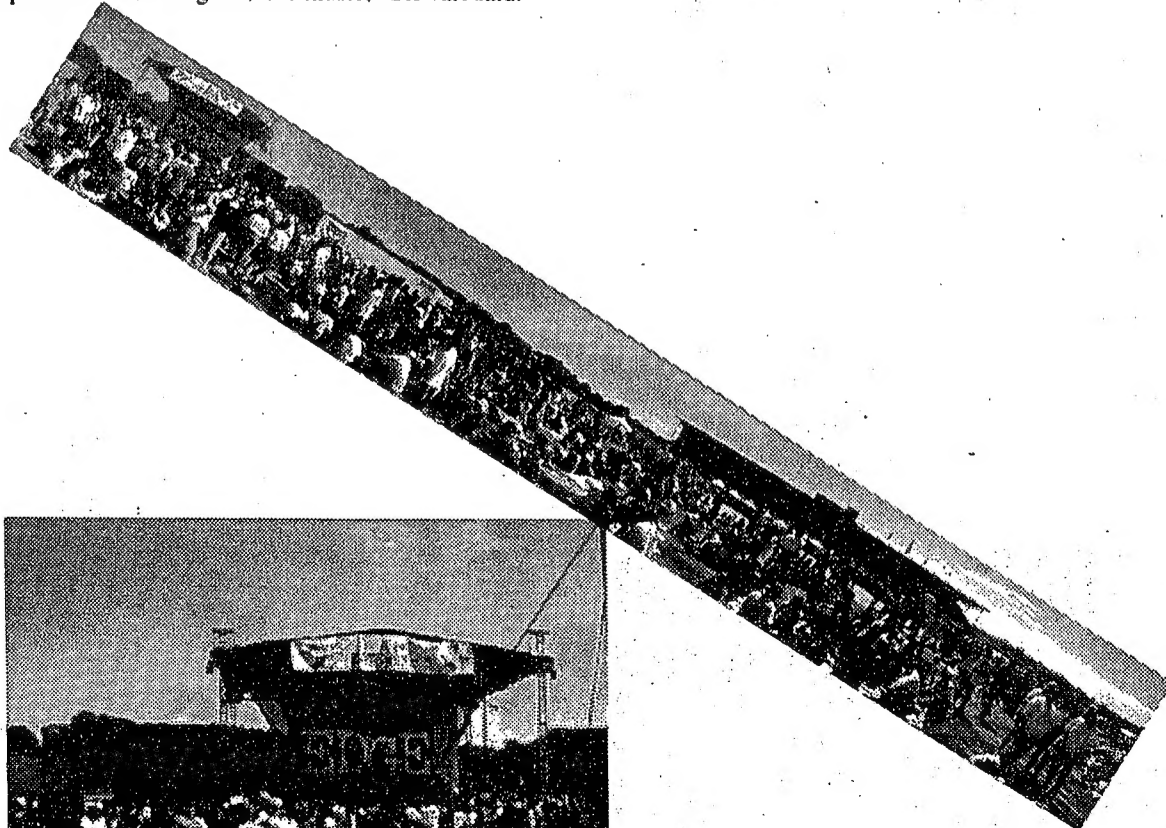
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"NYPD Blue" Upsets "ER" at Emmys

Review By Jonathan Murnane

Big upsets and well-deserved winners were sprinkled among the categories as television celebrated its best with Sunday's 47th annual Emmy Awards.

The biggest upset had to be Candice Bergen's fifth win as Murphy Brown on the show of the same name. The second upset was "NYPD Blue's" win as best drama over "ER."

Bergen's win last year was a surprise, this year it was a joke. More well-deserving performers who shared the ballot with her included Helen Hunt from "Mad About You" and Roseanne from "Roseanne."

Bergen does make history, being the only person since Don Knotts to win five awards for the same character. Knotts won five times for his role as Barney Fife on "The Andy Griffith Show."

Kathy Baker took home the gold for best lead actress for the second time for her role on "Picket Fences."

Mandy Patinkin won for best actor for his role as Dr. Jeffrey Geiger on "Chicago Hope."

Patinkin is vacating his role after eight episodes this season so he can be with his family.

Freshman hit "ER" won three major awards: best supporting actress for Juliana Margulies; best writing; and best directing, but it lost the best drama series award to "NYPD Blue."

Kelsey Grammer can be thankful for the second year in a row as his show, "Frasier," took home trophies for best comedy, best writing in a comedy, best directing in a comedy, best actor for Grammer and best supporting actor for David Hyde Pierce who plays Dr. Niles Crane.

Ray Walston won best supporting actor in a drama for playing Judge Henry Bone on "Picket Fences."

"They gave me 30 seconds to tell you I've waited 60 years to get up here," Walston said in his acceptance speech.

Christine Baranski won as best supporting actress in a comedy for her role as Maryann Thorpe on "Cybill."

Baranski's co-star Cybill Shephard hosted the show with Jason Alexander from

"Seinfeld."

Although there were a lot less clips than in previous years, it was a very classy event, except for Shephard's staged food fight.

Highlights included Alexander talking with "losers" from some awards that were already presented including castmate Julia Louis-Dreyfuss who went home empty handed after four nominations.

The real show stopper was Dreyfuss' dress, which barely contained her. A close second was Alexander's singing of TV theme songs, which included a doo-wop version of "I'll Be There For You," the theme from "Friends."

Barbra Streisand took home two awards for her HBO special performance. Glen Close won for best actress in a mini-series or special for "Serving in Silence: The Margarethe Cammermeyer Story." The special also won for best writing and best TV movie.

Raul Julia won a posthumous award for his work in the HBO movie "The Burning Season."

Emmy Winners

Best Comedy Series: "Frasier"
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"Murphy Brown"
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"Frasier"
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TLC Wins MTV Video Music Awards by Waterfall

Review By Jonathan Murnane

Don't worry, if you missed it the first time, they will play it again.

I am referring to the MTV Video Music Awards, which aired last Thursday.

The wildest of all the awards shows, the 1995 telecast was no different from previous years: wild bands, lewd jokes and crazy fashions.

R&B artist TLC was the top winner taking home awards for best R&B video, Video of the Year and Viewer's Choice, all for "Waterfalls."

The band read their thank-yous off an inscribed toilet paper roll.

Although the band filed for bankruptcy earlier this year, it has enjoyed one of the biggest albums of the year, "CrazySexyCool" and its first two number one songs, "Creep" and "Waterfalls."

Performances from various genres of music were showcased throughout the awards show.

TLC performed a medley of its hits: Michael Jackson lip-synched to his, although he did do an extensive dance number when he opened the show, including his now-famous moon walk.

Madonna, who said she wanted to perform

but was not asked, did a little dance as she presented an award.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers were the show stoppers of the night, although I could do without seeing Flea in his diaper ever again.

Jackson won an award for best dance video with his sister Janet, for "Scream." Miss Jackson's T-shirt had "Pervert 2" inscribed on the back.

Weezer took home awards for best alternative video for "Buddy Holly" and one for director Spike Jonze.

Tom Petty took home the award for best male video for "You Don't Know How it

Feels," and Madonna won best female video for "Take a Bow."

Hole singer Courtney Love dedicated her performance to "Kurt, Kristen and River," referring to her husband, former band mate and movie icon River Phoenix.

Hootie and the Blowfish performed after winning for best new artist.

Live, Alanis Morissette, Bon Jovi, Green Day and White Zombie also performed.

Comedian Dennis Miller hosted the show and even offered his two cents on issues such as censorship and politics.

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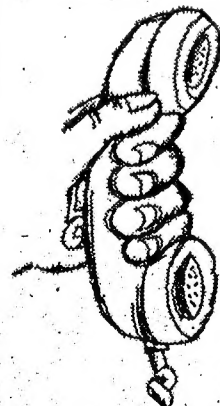
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•From Nelson, page 1•

Johnson said it would be anticipated that part of his staff would follow Nelson to Washington. This would leave vacancies, which the new governor would have to fill to create a staff.

"Kim Roubak, the current lieutenant governor, has been there long enough, and the subject will undoubtedly be on her mind throughout the campaign. I'm sure the process will be well in hand. There is also the fact that the election is held in November, and Nelson would not be sworn in until January. This leaves a two month period of adjustment to handle the transition.

It is an opportunity for Nelson, and he is a strong candidate. But I am hopeful that the Republicans will muster a good candidate and make this a good race," Johnson said.

Sweet said, "For Nelson, I believe the best way to serve the people of this state is in

Washington, he will make a great senator," "Kim Roubak will make a very good governor if Nelson is elected and be able to run a very effective office."

•From Food, page 1•

Maverick Room, food services provides services to the Peter Kiewit Conference Center, does catering on campus, and coordinates vending machines. The candy store in the Student Center is part of the UNO Bookstore.

Milone said he was unsure whether a contract with a private food service would be any more financially sound than one that is self-operated. Usually private contractors at universities make most of their money on residence hall dining. Because UNO does not have dorms, Milone said he was unsure if private companies would be willing to provide food services here. The university will evaluate the food service situation after the food court is operational or 90 percent of construction is complete on the Student Center, whichever comes first.

"If we can live up to what we say we can do," said Milone, "there is no reason to go to outside contractors."

Chancellor Del Weber said in a phone interview that he believes food services is

•From Air, page 1•

making them key in the transport of people and cargo all over the world.

After experiencing the tightness of the maneuver, Mike Selting, of Senior Technologies who employees "boomer" Dan Kirwan said, "It was right up there with things I'd never done." He also stated, "They learn a lot of discipline that they bring with them to work."

The "boomer" is the operator who does the actual mid-air refueling and requires 10 months of active duty training away from their civilian jobs.

Tom O'Connor, media coordinator at the Med Center and Cerino's employer said, "I was thoroughly impressed with everybody I encountered today. They were all very professional. They're a very good representation of our country."

•From Kim, page 2•

Luckily, time is money, and Becky couldn't afford to ponder my predicament for long. She had my hair wrapped on dozens of little "rods," soaked with chemicals, and packaged in a plastic bag before I could finish an *Us* magazine interview with Roseanne. It was then I began to feel afraid. What if this perm turned out worse than the last? It was too late. I had to see it through.

As I left the salon that day, I realized I had undergone a less than dramatic but improved transformation. Truly it was the beginning of a new era, one in which a regimen of thrice-weekly washing and deep conditioning would, according to Becky, preclude "bad hair" days. Once again a member of club coiffure, certified by the chemical-induced tingling in my scalp, I thought of Eddie Munster. And I wondered if Uncle Fester didn't have the right idea all along.

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